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MWC's Neighbors Upset

Bouncing Balls Bring Complaints



by MELISSA MOORE

The installation of basketball goals on the college's Sunken Road tennis courts has sparked complaints from local residents over noise from thumping basketballs.

Amid controversy surrounding public use of the facility, the college has locked the court gates, forcing students to obtain keys from the police station when they want to play basketball.

Until last September, the college has had a good relationship with the residents of this quiet, tree lined street below the campus. The brick, colonial style homes face the back side of the school covered with trees, and tennis courts over 30 years old.

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Photo by Prewitt Scripps

Locked gates at the Sunken Road basketball courts are often not enough to keep non-students out.

Editorial

Image

In a recent image study and survey released by the BOV, students were presented with evidence showing that MWC does have an image problem, and a serious one at that. Although the name change issue has only been prominent for a few months, the study reveals that the image problem has existed since the 70's and has increasingly become a hinderance to MWC's applicant pool.

According to the study, the male/female ratio is *not* improving but remains near 4-to-1 and the applicant pool is slowly declining.

As students, we have been largely blind to these problems. Because many of us chose MWC for its academic reputation, small size or location, we refused to allow the college's name to be a deterrent. We found no problem in attending "Mary" Washington College, and therefore have difficulty believing that others could.

We also believe what we want to believe. Due to image boosters such as a stronger male intercollegiate sports program and a more diversified curriculum, our optimism of MWC is great. However, as the study reveals, "the college still [has] a serious image problem among both males and females, and, even more alarming, that [high school] students of both sexes [possess] a very low level of awareness about the institution."

As students, we appreciate the opportunity to respond to the BOV's survey, and we are confident that our ideas and opinions will be considered. However, those that chose MWC despite its name are saddened to see that there appears no choice but to change the image, and consequently the name of Mary Washington College.

Letters to the Editor are encouraged on pertinent topics facing the MWC community. Letters must be no longer than 500 words, typed, and submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday for inclusion in the following Tuesday's *Bullet*. Letters must also be signed. Only in extreme cases will we withhold the author's name from publication.

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To the Editor:

We wanted to take this time to publicly thank the Freshman class officers and their workers for the BEST Ring Week ever. We may have planned the events, but if it

weren't for you, they never would have been completed. All of your hard work during the week allowed us to enjoy each night.

We realize how lucky we are to have a sister class like you. The Class of 1990 had better be just as

good to you!

Jonathan, Ken, Cheryl, and Karri, WE LOVE YOU! You're the GREATEST!!

Thanks for taking care of us,
Lori, Kim, Brenie, Kate

Announcements...

"Art, Life and Resurrection," a lecture by David Cain, Professor of Religion, will be given on Tuesday, April 2, in Chandler Hall, Room 304. The talk is part of the "The Tempest of Time" series that is being sponsored by the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion. It will begin at 3:45 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"48 Hours" will be shown in the pub Tuesday, April 2, at 9 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

UCAM is sponsoring live entertainment Wednesday, April 3, in the Pub. Chris Logan and Friends will begin performing at 8:30 p.m. Admission is 50 cents.

A prominent graph theorist and editor of the *Journal of Graph Theory* will speak on Thursday, April 4, under the sponsorship of the Department of Mathematical Sciences and Physics. Frank Harary, professor of mathematics at the University of Michigan, will lecture on "Mathematical Achievement and Avoidance Games." The talk will begin at 4 p.m. in Combs Hall, Room 100. Admission is free.

William F. May, Joseph P. Kennedy Sr. professor of Christian Ethics, the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University will visit MWC on April 8 and lecture on "Changing Conceptions of Death in the West." The lecture is in Chandler hall, Room 102, at 8 p.m. Admission is free. The lecture is sponsored by the Committee in Campus Academic Resources and the Department of Classics, Philosophy and Religion.

Applications for Student Faculty Committees are now available at residence hall front desks and in the commuting student lounge. They should be returned to the S.A. office (ACL second floor) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

The College Program Board, in cooperation with Class Council, announces the Spring Festival Ball. This semi-formal gala will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets for the Spring Festival Ball are \$8 per couple. They are available from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 1-5, in front of the C-Shop and April 8-9, in the Dome Room.

Applications are now being accepted for the Jean Donovan Memorial Award. This award is presented at Senior Convocation to the graduating senior who best demonstrates in a written essay a desire to further human rights upon leaving college.

Essays, which constitute the application, may be submitted to Kathy Hayden, Westmoreland 212, or the Jean Donovan House, 1225 Brent Street, Fredericksburg. A selection committee will decide the recipient.

Applications are being accepted through April 22.

Belmont, The Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery will be extending its regular schedule to include morning hours through September 30. Public tours will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The memorial is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The admission fee remains unchanged: \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for ages 6 through 18. Group rates are available. For further information, contact Joanna D. Catron at (703) 373-3634.

To the Editor,

The following students raised over \$100,000 by telephoning MWC alumni and parents in November, 1984 and March, 1985. The money raised will enrich the overall program at MWC by expanding scholarship aid, offering faculty professional development opportunities, and funding distinguished lecturer programs on campus, among many other things.

The time and energy committed by these students is appreciated, and MWC will be a better place, thanks to their effort.

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Republicans to Hold New Election

by DEBBIE BRISENDINE
and KATHY McDONALD

Controversy among members of MWC's College Republicans concerning the eligibility of voters and the validity of voting by absentee ballot led club advisor Samuel Emory to annul elections for the 1985-86 officers held March 5 and to request a new election.

Candidates were freshman Alexandra Smith and sophomore Daniel Mc

Cardell for chairperson, junior Melissa Haines and freshman Thomas Paytes for vice-chairperson, junior Constance Cutlip and freshman Kelly Gould for secretary, and sophomore Linda Redman and freshman Suzanne Comley for treasurer. Smith, Haines, Cutlip and Redman won the positions in the original elections.

Emory said the problem arose because the election process was not conducted according to the laws of

the club's constitution. There was a question of the part of the defeated candidates about whether or not votes by absentee ballot and votes from charter members who had not paid \$2 club dues prior to the election were valid. Charter members are those members who have been recorded as expressing an interest in being a College Republican, but may or may not have paid dues.

However, Emory said: "I don't think there was any wrong-doing on anybody's part. The election process was conducted by custom instead of going by the rules." He said votes cast by charter members and by absentee ballot were considered valid in the past, but "when the losing candidates protested, there was nothing to do but recall the election."

College Republican Chairperson, Mary Loose, attributed the differences of opinion to interpretation of the club's constitution. The constitution states that membership in the College Republicans is limited to those who "have paid current club dues," and that only these members may vote. While dues are \$2 per year per member, Loose said it has been her interpretation that dues may be received not only in a monetary form, but in the form of participation and devotion to the organization as well.

Loose, an active member for three years, said that she and other senior members held the elections based on the procedures and traditions of elections conducted in the past. This includes the fall '84 election, she said. First year members re-interpreted the purposes and definition of the constitution, she said.

The controversy came to a head at the March 5 meeting. According to the original minutes of the Feb. 21 meeting, a motion was made by Tom Paytes to allow only dues-paying members to run in the upcoming election. The motion passed with 18 votes. Paytes also moved that only dues-paying members should be allowed to vote. That motion failed, 10 to 3.

A correction to the Feb. 21 minutes submitted by Paytes claimed that the original motion regarding members running for office covered both issues, and should have read: "Only dues-paying members could be nominated and cast votes at the upcoming election."

That motion, however, would have negated the necessity for the second motion. Paytes said the motion was necessary because procedure would not allow correction of the minutes until a later date.

Paytes' corrected version was signed by members Suzanne Com-

ley, C.R. Daisey, Kelly Gould, Laurene Foskett, Annice Hirt, Daniel J. McCardell and Eileen K. Smith. The club accepted that version with a vote of 16 to 11.

Following the election, Paytes took complaints to ICA President Ginny McNeill. McNeill said she was approached by Paytes concerning the interpretation of the constitution but was misled about the situation. She wrote a letter to the club stating that only dues-paying members would be eligible to vote. However, she said, "At that time I was unaware of the distinction between active members and charter members, and didn't realize it was by custom that charter members may vote whether or not they pay club dues. I was not presented with all of the facts." McNeill said there were many personality problems involved in the conflict.

According to Paytes, he and other members sought such literal interpretation of the constitution because the club has a large membership and many potential leaders. "There was a lot of vying for positions," he said. "We wanted the issue of who was eligible to vote clarified prior to the elections."

The question of absentee ballots also arose before the election. Loose claimed that Paytes produced a

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Class Council Elections Thursday

by SUSAN LOYD

Elections for Class Council officers and Honor and Judicial Representatives will be held Thursday, April 4, on Seacobeck patio. Announcements will be that evening at 10 p.m. in ACL Ballroom.

Candidates for Senior Class officers include Lori Brubaker, president; Kim Mears, vice president; Brenie Matute, secretary/treasurer; Anne Huber and Whitney Vanlan-

dingham, publicity chairman.

Those running for Junior Class officers are Serenia Black, Kenny Fulk and Scott Renick, president; Mark Benson and Chris Garbett; vice president; Michell Evans, secretary/treasurer; Jim Able and Jennifer Casler, publicity chairman.

Candidates for the class of '88 are Lisa Mansberger and Ken Phaia, president; Tricia Tossi and Darcia Turner, vice president; Cheryl

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New Cabinet Forsees Great Year



New S.A. Cabinet members Karen Anderson, Cheryl DeVaun and Bruce Loving.

Photos by Prewitt Scripps

by KATHY McDONALD

Student Association officers announced the results of this year's election March 26 at 10:15 in the Ballroom.

According to Susan Allen, vice chairman of the rules and procedures committee, approximately 879 students cast ballots in the election for S.A. officers, Honor Council president and five honor referendums. The referendums, said Allen, "passed overwhelmingly."

The closest race in the election was for the office of S.A. president. Karen Anderson was elected with 39 percent of the votes, followed by Troy Knighton with 33 percent. According to Amy Blasch, S.A. presi-

dent, the close race indicated the effort put forth by each candidate.

Lobby Chairman Suzanne Maddox announced Mary Loose as the new Lobby Committee chair, with 54 percent of the votes. Although Loose had been called out of town for a family emergency, her award was accepted by Beth Belden.

Ginny McNeill, ICA president, announced Sharon Franklin as her successor and Judicial Chairman, Kimberly Slayton, congratulated Donna Metzger as chairman of the 1985-86 Judicial Court.

In addition, Sheryl DeVaun and Bruce Loving were announced as next year's S.A. vice president and academic affairs chairman, respectively. Loving stated that a primary

goal for academic affairs next year was "to work with MWC's new academic dean on new and innovative ideas. Next year is an important year and I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Honor Council President, Sara Jones, announced rising junior Janet Hall as her successor for next year's Honor Council. Hall, along with the 1985-86 Honor Council representatives to be elected April 4, will be responsible for implementing the changes in council procedures approved by the student body.

"The referendums basically stated the changes," said Hall, "which resulted from problems the council had in cases during the semester." Hall cited the example of common

How They Voted

PRESIDENT

Karen Anderson	342
Troy Knighton	289
Jim Cahill	245

VICE PRESIDENT

Sheryl DeVaun	523
Melissa Haines	310

JUDICIAL CHAIRPERSON

Donna Metzger	565
Chris O'Donnell	288

LOBBY CHAIRPERSON

Mary Loose	470
Dan McCardell	219
Greg Waters	152

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

Bruce Loving	550
Beth Belden	295

knowledge stated in the Honor Constitution. "The problem was that in some cases, students and teachers defined common knowledge differently," she said. "A more precise definition should solve the problem." According to Hall, the changes are designed to achieve fairness and justice.

Elected officers DeVaun and Metzger commended Susan Allen and Stan Smith for their handling of the

election and announcement procedures. Metzger added, "We have an excellent cabinet for next year and I look forward to working with all the officers."

President-elect Karen Anderson summed up the views of many of the winners. "We'll work together to make next year a great year," she said. "No one works under anyone else."

B-BALL *from cover*

Court Abusers Anger Local Residents

Last year, a committee composed of faculty, staff and students investigated MWC student recreational opportunities, and found a lack of recreational space on campus. In September, the college added basketball goals to the tennis courts, resurfaced fences, and resurfaced the courts. According to A. Ray Merchant, MWC's executive vice president, basketball was "a good means to let off steam after classes—especially for the males."

Muriel G. Dufour and her husband of Sunken Road complained before the courts were finished. She said they realized that basketball games generate noise not only from balls hitting the pavement, but from shouting players.

Dufour said her original complaint was, "how could MWC possibly keep city kids out?" She said she did not object to tennis, a quieter game.

However, in a recent interview, Merchant said the college has a right to use its property within the law. "Our intent was not to create a nuisance, but recreation," he said.

Besides MWC use, students from city schools gradually filtered to the Sunken Road courts. Earlier, the city had removed the baskets from public courts on Kenmore Avenue. Residents have reported anywhere from four to 40 players on the courts, day and night, often as late

as 3 a.m.. Residents said the players were city youths judging from their size and the direction they came from.

Dufour said the noise constantly bothered her: "We cannot shut the thump of the basketball out of our house. The neighborhood has been turned into a gymnasium." She said people are on the courts as much as 10 hours per day. "I'm ready to climb the walls. It's like a dripping faucet magnified a 100 times," she said.

On one occasion, Dufour said, the campus police dispersed a group around 3 a.m. and the players bounced basketballs as they walked down the street. She added that players shouted obscenities while on the courts.

Merchant said, "the courts attract pre-teens to adults, from all stations, some of them pretty rough."

Thomas and Ruth Higgins, Sunken Road residents since 1941, said in addition to the players' language, "We're irritated that our children can't find a parking space on the street." Higgins said player's cars often block residents' parking along the narrow street.

Merchant noted that the college police patrolled the courts in response to complaints. He added that residents want immediate action. He said this was difficult since the police have one car and rely on

walking patrols this semester. "The players usually scatter when the police car comes," he said.

Dufour argued that, "police walk through the courts, but 10 minutes later those kids are back in." Through a lawyer, she and her husband have complained to MWC President William M. Anderson Jr., the college's Board of Visitors and the Fredericksburg City Council. Mrs. Dufour said that she and her husband have considered suing the college.

"The noise is always present," she said: "We eat and sleep with the sound of basketball. I can't believe we have no rights in the situation."

While Higgins said he found Merchant sympathetic to his complaints, Dufour said, "the college has given us nothing but lip service."

In a March 15 letter in response to the Dufour's lawyer, Anderson wrote, "It is incorrect, however, to conclude that the college has done nothing to prevent this unauthorized usage. The college is making a good-faith effort to control this situation... The college by no means intends to serve the city as a recreational park."

Since the courts were constructed using funds from student fees, Anderson also wrote, "I do not feel our students should be denied the use of college facilities—facilities which they paid for, and which they

have every rightful expectation of using—just because citizens of Fredericksburg are using those facilities without authorization."

Merchant, commenting on steps the college has taken, explained that campus police took the players' names. He said he wrote the players' parents urging them to keep their children from using the courts. The courts have been closed to the public since January. Merchant said police arrested one player after he climbed the fence. The charge involves a \$40 to \$50 fine and exclusion from campus.

According to Higgins, unauthorized players have also used wrenches, hidden in the leaves at the base of the fence, to unscrew the gate hinges

and to enter the courts.

The players have also lowered the backboards using wrenches, Merchant said. He said this allowed them to slam dunk. According to Merchant, "We aren't talking about any big bucks for repair, principally someone's time to readjust the goals."

Merchant said the college will probably remove the basketball goals for the summer. He said he hopes to relocate the courts ideally near male dorms.

Higgins said, "Tennis never bothered us. I'd be very relieved if they go somewhere else with the courts." He added, "I'll help take them down and serve refreshments while they do it."

CLASS COUNCIL

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Ellysen, secretary/treasurer; Margarita Abrams and Beth King, publicity chairman.

For the position of Honor and Judicial representatives, each class selects three candidates.

Those running for Honor Council include Alison Boyd, Beth Kelly, Susan Loyd, Robin Smyers and Hunter Trice, Senior Class; Karin Anderson, Matthew Fogo, Amy

Moorefield, John Pimblett and Marjorie Sanfilippo, Junior Class; Tony Bausone, Judi Carter, Laurene Foskett, Beverly Newmen and Christie Richer, Sophomore Class.

Judicial Council include: Ted Bolling, Christ Davis and Jill McKenzie, Senior Class; Marla Miranda, Chris O'Donnell, Ann Richards and Stacey Werling, Junior Class; Elizabeth Agro, Diane Cardwell, Colby Fike and Susan Thomasson, Sophomore Class.



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Features

Regional Scholars Chosen

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

Recently, high school seniors from Virginia and the East coast area came to MWC in hopes of being accepted for the Regional Scholarship program.

Winners of the scholarship receive \$1500 a year for four years while they are at MWC, provided they achieve a 2.5 GPA their Freshman year, and maintain a 3.0 their remaining years. The Regional Scholars program is open to any high school senior who applies. According to the college academic catalogue, the basic minimum re-

quirement is the recommendation of a high school guidance counselor or principal.

In previous years, applicants for the Regional Scholarship program went to designated interviews in their state or region. This year however, applications were prescreened, and the field of possible candidates was narrowed to 50. Those 50 were invited to MWC Friday, March 22, and Saturday, March 23, to familiarize them with the campus and to be interviewed.

According to senior Leslie Orazietti, president of the Regional Scholars Association here, this is the first year the college has tried the

prescreening process and planned activities for the applicants.

Orazietti said the whole process actually worked very well. The 50 applicants stayed in dorms with present Regional Scholars and were kept busy with the activities planned for them. She said that there was a reception in the Ballroom on Friday, and dinner in the Green room of Seacobeck. They were escorted to the orchestra concert Friday evening.

Each applicant was interviewed on Saturday for 30 minutes by a committee comprised of two faculty, two alumni and one senior Regional Scholar. Orazietti said the committee looks for outstanding and promising students in good academic standing, high SAT scores and a record of involvement in extracurricular activities. A general essay is required and other letters of recognition are helpful, she said.

According to Orazietti, 25 new Regional Scholars were chosen, with 25 ranked alternates. In keeping with the specifications of the program, 20 students were from Virginia and five from out of state.

Orazietti predicts that the prescreening process and weekend program will probably be the process of selection in future years. "From year to year, there will be improvements, so the program can get better and better," she said.



MWC Singers perform song and dance at concert.

Prewitt Scripps

MWC, Fred. Singers Perform

by GLENN BIRCH

MWC students, staff and area residents were treated last week to music from two of the college's performing groups, the MWC Singers and Fredericksburg Singers.

The MWC Singers performed March 25 in the Lee Hall Ballroom to a crowd of over 150. The show featured modern show tunes including a medley from "42 Street" and "Dreamgirls."

The men in the group opened the show with a 1950s style number featuring a solo from Troy

Knighton. An arrangement of "Dixieland Still Loves," by MWC professor David Long, closed the singer's performance.

The MWC Singers is a show choir made up of 20 students. Assistant Professor of music Stephen Burton directs the group, and student John Tindall acts as choreographer. Burton and Joyce Bowman accompanied the singers on piano and Carter Logan added his talents on banjo.

Tindall said was pleased with the turnout and is optimistic about the group's future. "We're growing," he said, "we just started a couple of

years ago and we're already getting that many people to our shows."

The Fredericksburg Singers gave their spring concert in Dodd Auditorium on Friday, combining difficult and light pieces in their performance. Selections from Rachmaninoff's "All Night Vigil" especially posed a challenge for the singers. Tindall said, "All the aspects of the piece are so magnified." He added that the piece is "very uplifting to perform," though.

The Fredericksburg Singers are composed of students and communi-

ty members and are conducted by Burton as well. In addition to the Rachmaninoff piece, their performance included Handel's Coronation Anthem No. 2: "The King Shall Rejoice," and the popular "Shenandoah." The group was accompanied by Shirley Onderdonk.

Both groups are now gearing up for their annual "Lighter Side" show on April 12. That performance features light entertainment from both groups and the MWC Chorus and Jazz Ensemble as well. It will be held in Dodd Auditorium and begin at 7:30 p.m. Tindall will act as emcee.

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Parsons Chosen for Graduate Fellowship

by JANE ELLEN MOSES

When Brian Parsons entered MWC, graduate school was probably the farthest thing from his mind. But now, as a rising graduate and with a graduate fellowship totalling \$17,000 a year in his grasp, Parsons appears to be enthusiastic about attending graduate school.

He still speaks with an air of disbelief about the fellowship from The National Science Foundation, that he was accepted for last Monday. "It was an incredibly long shot," Parsons says. "Last year, something like 30,000 people applied and 600 were chosen." This year, according to Parsons only 500 were

chosen from a similar pool of applicants.

The government fellowship, which was developed to encourage students to go into research, will provide Parsons with \$6,000 for tuition towards any graduate school he chooses. Also included is a stipend of \$11,000 per year to use towards

books, supplies and other costs, guaranteed for three years.

The brown-eyed and mustached Parsons originally came to MWC intending to major in English, but began leaning towards the sciences. "I knew I wanted to write," he says, "but I decided to go into the sciences and then write."

Parsons will graduate this May with a degree in environmental earth science, and a continuing interest in environmental protection and policy.

President of the Ecology Club this year, and vice president of the club last year, Parsons' interest and concern for the environment arose from scenes witnessed in childhood in Columbia, Md. "It [his interest] was kind of born out of watching tress, forests and countryside torn up for housing tracts," he says.

Parsons says he has long since passed the stages of childhood idealism that sparked his interest in the environment, but still wants to do something to help preserve it. "I'd like to help communities plan their lifestyles, taking into consideration the environment around them."

Parsons sees himself concentrating on some sort of environmental planning field, for his graduate studies. He says the field is sort of a hodge-podge of engineering, landscaping and architecture. He would be focusing on research in areas like solar energy and recycling, which he considers important to planning communities which compliment the environment.

Parsons' accomplishments have come despite the fact that he is considered legally blind. He started from birth with a central vision loss. He does have some peripheral vision, but about 1/4 of his total vision is non-existent.

Through his high school years at public school in Maryland and then Northern Virginia, and also here at MWC, Parsons has used taped

books, and student readers whom he hires, to keep on top of his studies.

Parsons gets about half his texts on tape, and the other half read or taped by student readers. He takes his own notes in classes, and usually has his readers read them back to him. He is able to use a magnifier to read notes and print, but Parsons says the process is too slow and tedious. He prefers to use readers when possible.

Parsons anticipates no problems with means of study at the graduate level, and will continue with the practice of hiring readers and obtaining recorded texts. Parsons maintains that his vision impairment and dependence on other readers had little, if any bearing on his decision whether or not to attend graduate school.

He admits his big decision now is where he will attend graduate school. Already he has been accepted to Indiana University, Duke University, the State of N.Y. University at Syracuse, and the University of Virginia. Parsons says his choice will probably be ultimately between Indiana and UVA.



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ACEY DUNN

Crazy Drivers Terrorize the Highways

ou, dear reader, are about to witness the intellectual unveiling of a day. The information that I am about to submit for your consideration could make me the joke of the media. Or, it could inspire scholars of psychology here at lovely Washington College and all across the globe to perform further studies on the data I have so carefully compiled. What, you ask, is this of scrutiny? Well, I'll tell you... have you ever noticed the radical variation in personality and behavior that one undergoes when seated behind the steering wheel of an automobile or other similar mode of vehicular transportation? Serious drivers have noticed sweet and pleasant personalities of either sex become angry and raving lunatics when entering a moving vehicle. Smiling faces become troubled and angry as the notions of right-of-way leave the highways and by-ways of America.

Furthermore, I wish to make the backed allegations that many people automatically become stupid when sitting in a

driver's seat. Like the guy we passed on 95 while heading to Florida (oh, blessed homeland of warmth) for Spring Break. He had his left turn signal on all the way through the state of South Carolina. We called him "The Eventual Left."

My favorites are the people who close their doors on their clothes or seatbelts. They cruise happily down the road with this thing hanging out their door, flapping in the breeze, and they think you're just being friendly when you laugh and wave madly as you pass them.

Out of all the stupid people on the road, I am in a state of dilemma as just which type are the masters of Interstate Insipidness. For example, the Mindless Wealthy drivers. They are the ones who go out and spend literally tens of thousands of dollars for high-performance sport or luxury cars...and then drive them at 35 miles per hour on the interstate during rush hour. Maybe they just want us to get a really good look at what they spent all their money on.

The counterparts to the Mindless Wealthy are the "Oh, well..."

drivers. I am an "Oh, well..." driver. They are the ones who drive older, less expensive cars at speeds of reckless abandon. Their motto is, "Just get there, dammit!" And if they happen to wreck the old jalopy in the process... "Oh, well..."

Bumper stickers say a lot about the person behind the wheel. I came across a good one just the other day. I was in the left lane on 64 near Richmond when I became trapped behind a woman going about 30 miles an hour. On the rear bumper of her new Thunderbird was a sticker that said, "God is my co-pilot." Pardon my blasphemy, but I happen to know that with God as co-pilot, that woman could have been going a hell of a lot faster than 30 miles an hour.

Cars with baby seats should be avoided at all costs. Baby seat equals squawking kids equals frantic mother equals bad driver. So too, should one avoid pick-up trucks with gun racks. A wrong move could be your last move—if you know what I mean. Also, never honk or shake your fist at a car from New York. Hell hath no fury like an angry New

Yorker.

In need of a cheap thrill? Here's a great one. Wait for a student driver to come along, and then tailgate them. I'm talking *inches* between your front bumper and their rear bumper. Try it sometime; it scares the hell out of 'em.

But now to re-address those scholars of the workings of the human mind: just how can science explain these neuroses and psychoses which infest our

highways? And, how can we alleviate them?

Perhaps we should create and apply a mental competence exam as a screening process for drivers. You say we've already got one? I just gave you several reasons as to why we should re-vamp it. But then again, aren't other drivers the source of the challenge, the cause of the thrill in driving today? Aw, come to think of it, keep the cruddy drivers on the road...but off the sidewalks.

DANE FOUST

MWC's Scandals Revealed

Ominous clouds have been circling the Mary Wash campus for quite some time now. Some less-than-savory characters have infiltrated the campus with high hopes of making some unsuspecting college students their next victim.

My mission, if I choose to accept, (according to my editor, I have no choice) is to dig up all the dirt on these (expletive deleted at editor's insistence) characters and expose them to the student body.

Recently, my secret informant, Bea A. Narc, has found evidence to support the contention that the management of Itza Pizza has the secret recipe to the Big Mac sauce.

This sauce was previously used in the original Itza Pizzas, however the McDonalds burger police spotted the bogus pizzas and informed the proper authorities.

"Come on Mr. Mancuso, nobody clears over \$1,000 at a kegger."

Itza Pizza was told they could no longer use the previously undisclosed recipe under penalty of law; however the management of Itza Pizza only changed the recipe then passed it along to Seacobeck—for a substantial fee of course.

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That is just one of the many mysterious occurrences on this campus. Consider the large bank account of Marshall Hall purports to have. According to a secret report I have just received, Joe Mancuso, director

of Marshall Hall, was instrumental in obtaining these funds. According to Mr. Mancuso, the money was raised at an unconfirmed "Mary's Labor Day Kegger." Come on Mr. Mancuso, nobody clears over \$1000 at a kegger.

My sources confirm that Mr. Mancuso obtained the money in two ways. First I have reason to believe Mr. Mancuso is dealing in the underworld, black market for illegal T-shirts. My informants tell me Mr. Mancuso has been seen scavenging through unguarded Goodwill boxes looking for a sufficient quantity of used T-shirts that can be recycled and sold for a substantial profit. The money raised through selling these dirty T-shirts is then laundered through the Marshall Hall bank account.

Unconfirmed reports tell me that Mr. Mancuso is also running an illegal massage parlor on the second and third floors. I have proof that Mr. Mancuso has obtained various types of drugs for the infirmary that he has covertly injected into the dining hall's Big Mac sauce that many of his female residents have eaten. In essence, he has turned some of his female residents into sex-craving zombies. Mr. Mancuso has performed all of these atrocities in order to add money to his coffers. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. Mancuso has just made a down payment on a shopping mall in Milan, Italy.

Finally, my most trusted informant has reported to me that the MWC Board of Visitors has approached the Fredericksburg City Council about changing the name of the college to Fredericksburg University. They feel that since the city has such a historic tradition it might be beneficial to rename the college in honor of the town.

However, when the City Council considered the proposal they voted the motion down. They noted that any adverse occurrences that took place at Fredericksburg U. could have an effect on the entire city as a whole. One council member who asked not to be named said, "F.U.-no way."

Well, I've done my dirty work. Now all I have to do is sit back and wait for a call from the *Washington Post*.

KAREN RHODES

You Can't Drop 'Life 101'

ll, this is it. If you haven't dropped those troublesome or time-consuming courses by now, you will. The deadline for academic submissions was March 18. Now it's your turn or F do you part.

I know all about the dropping out. I was not real excited about going to college after high school (in pre-MWC days), and I went through more withdrawals than an equivalent coke addict. Anytime it was apparent to me that a course was going to be a bore, that I was going to do well in it, or the work was simply infringing on my social life, I dropped it. My life went up and down with my life in those days, but whatever it was, they were usually people with W's.

Whether you could say I was becoming an expert quitter, and not just in school. I dropped diets, friends and responsibilities just as easily. I know it's true what they say about dropping being a time of experimentation and I just wanted to try on different ideas to see how they fit. I was afraid of getting locked into anything.

One night in a cafe in Fredericksburg, where a fire was blazing and someone was playing the piano, I looked across the table at me and said, "Let's get married." I was thrilled. Oh how romantic it was going to be—we would travel the world, live in a gorgeous house, have such exciting lives. So I dropped.

The next morning I went to work and was very depressed. Though very much in love, something told me this was not going to be as easy as signing up for Beginning Microbiology, just to see what it was

like. I had finally made a woman's choice, and in the back of my mind, a phrase kept repeating itself, like the title of a book: *Real Women Don't Quit*.

My mother plunged right into her new role as "mother-of-the-bride." She started making phone calls and lists the first day, and the preparations seemed to take on a life of their own, growing and picking up speed with each passing week.

In the six months between my engagement and wedding, I had a recurring nightmare. I was in the back seat of a car—my fiancé was driving, and my mother was in the front seat beside him, telling me all the plans she had made that day for my wedding. I had no choice about where we were going, and I couldn't get out!

When we bought the ring, I remember wondering if he could resell it for a good price if I gave it back. Each new decision made the wedding more terrifying and definite. After the seven bridesmaids paid \$80 each for their dresses, I knew it was going to cost me a great deal to back out.

I really feel that these misgivings had nothing to do with the person I had chosen, but simply with the enormity of the choice. A month before the wedding, I decided I just couldn't go through with it. "I still have a few weeks till the deadline," I reasoned, "they can just put a little 'W' on my marriage license."

I broke the big news to my parents first, but they only smiled. "Last minute jitters are normal," they said. "You'll be fine."

I realized then that the wedding was actually going to happen. I had finally made, however hastily, a per-

manent decision. I didn't tell my fiancé of my reluctance till a year after the wedding.

Since my personal religion forbids birth control, a decision to become a wife was synonymous with a decision to become a mother. The baby in my womb seemed to say: "Here I am—another decision you can't get out of." Because it quickly became apparent that three of us could not live on \$11,000 a year, I had no choice but to get a job.

I still remember sitting on the steps of a church ten months after my wedding, my newborn in my arms, staring into space and marveling at how much my life had changed in less than a year.

A worried priest approached me. I had only chosen his steps because it was a convenient place to rest after a long walk, but I'm sure he expected to have an infant left at his door.

"Can I help?" he asked. "Yes," I thought, "Where do I drop Real Life 101?"

I realize that people do drop out, of course. That's what divorce and abortion are all about. But regardless of my past pattern, I believe in sticking by the big decisions.

I'm not saying that I'm unhappy with my choices, just that I never realized truly how much commitment they would take. And I'm not saying there's anything wrong with dropping a course, just that I wish I hadn't dropped so many.

I wish I had stuck with the difficult, the stupid, the boring, the irritating, as well as the interesting, fun, and satisfying. I wish I'd learned stick-to-it-iveness in small ways before I had to learn it in such large ones.

Features

Rubenstein Talks on Plight of Homeless

by WENDY LaRue

Leonard Rubenstein of the Mental Health Law Project in Washington, D.C. discussed the causes of homelessness, who is homeless and possible solutions to the problem before an audience of about 100 people in Monroe lecture hall on March 26.

"Just the idea of homelessness to us is staggering. If you see the people you can't help but feel the pain," said Rubenstein. "Just think if you had to spend the day not knowing where you were going to spend the night."

Rubenstein said many of the homeless are among the nation's unemployed. Single women, single parent households, and the mentally ill are also potential candidates for homelessness according to Rubenstein.

"This is really a new phenomenon," noted Rubenstein. "It has been a problem but never on this scale."

He said one of the major causes of the increase in the number of homeless individuals is the dramatic increase of places where these people can live.

At one time, according to Rubenstein,

many poor people were able to seek shelter in "cheap hotels and flop houses" and in one room apartments, many of which no longer exist.

The push to restore and revitalize downtowns of cities has taken away a great number of the housing opportunities for the poor. Old buildings are being renovated and then become too expensive for these people to live in or the buildings are simply torn down and replaced by more modern and expensive ones, said Rubenstein.

He attributed the nature of this problem to the way the housing

market is set up and to the structure of the county's tax system. "Low income housing, without major subsidizing, is not feasible," stated Rubenstein.

Using New York City as an example, Rubenstein pointed out that the city has lost 60,000 of its single occupancy houses, a decline of 78 percent, even though the number of homeless individuals is increasing.

Social Services are often inefficient in helping these people because the services were designed to make up for specific deficits, not total need, explained Rubenstein. He also said that the fact that each different agency has its own office in a unique location makes things more difficult for the homeless.

As a starting point for doing away with the problem of homelessness, Rubenstein suggested increasing the amount of housing available to such people. "We need to design a supply of housing that allows people to move from nothing to independence," he said.

Rubenstein said that non-profit organizations can help by buying and renovating old houses for the use of the poor. He said that the solution to the problem should come from private institutions and that there is a need to get away from government involvement in dealing

with the homeless.

In order to make housing more affordable, Rubenstein pointed out that there needs to be a smaller gap between the cost of housing and amount of benefits, and that homeless need to have some source of income.

As a prelude to Rubenstein's speech, clips from a documentary called "Out of Sight Out of Mind" which appeared on the news of CBS affiliate in Washington, D.C., were shown to the audience. The segments showed various people who had been left homeless in Washington area. Many of the shown were allegedly left homeless as a result of the institutionalization of Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington.

Although the clips shown contrasted mostly on people who were mentally ill and homeless, Rubenstein noted that the cause for many homeless persons' plight is nothing to do with mental illness, warned against making the assumption that homelessness is strictly mental health problem.

Before joining the Mental Health Law Project in 1982, Rubenstein was a practicing lawyer, concentrating mainly on civil liberties cases. He is a 1978 law school graduate from Harvard University.

Circle K Wins Awards

by SUSAN LOYD

Following the convention theme of "Nobody Does it Better," MWC's Circle K Club received awards for over all achievement and most outstanding newsletter at the 26th Annual Capitol District Circle K Convention March 15-17. The club received first place in its district for its newsletter, and third place for activity achievements.

The convention, which was hosted by the MWC club at the Fredericksburg Sheraton, brought approximately 50 colleges from throughout Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. Some of those in attendance include William and Mary, University of Maryland, University of Delaware, Towson State, Longwood and the University of Richmond.

Junior Leanne Raynor, president of the club, highlighted the feeling of togetherness which the convention fostered. "We all had something in common, a strong bond—it was just a lot of fun," she said.

Raynor, who has been actively involved with Circle K since her

freshman year, described the club as an international community and campus organization which promotes fellowship and service. Circle K is closely connected to the local Kiwanis, as well as high school Key Club organizations. Various MWC projects include visits to area nursing homes and elementary schools, a lecture on anorexia and bulimia and special olympics.

Through Circle K, Raynor has "had a chance to be involved with the community and school, develop projects and meet a lot of people involved in different aspects of things."

Bruce Loving, president elect for 1985-86, described the convention as the largest and most successful held in this district. "It's really great when you can get groups from across the country who are interested in providing service. Everyone is really psyched and the other groups spur you on," he said.

The convention was organized by MWC alumni Deona Houff, who is an Executive Convention Coordinator, with Raynor acting as a liaison to the MWC club. Raynor

estimated that 800 hours of preparation went into the convention.

MWC's club, which consists of 40 members, received many compliments on the convention according to Loving.

As a major priority, Loving hopes next year to increase the club's membership by introducing students to the numerous benefits of Circle K. Echoing Loving sentiments Raynor states that there are many misconceptions about Circle K. "I've had people come up to me who think Circle K is a sewing club or part of the KKK," she said.

Raynor said a way to introduce the campus to Circle K is through greater campus oriented projects. Stating that service is the most important aspect of Circle K, she added "when you get fellowship, people are more able to work together to achieve goals."

Ultimately, Loving and Raynor agree that community service is the most satisfying aspect of Circle K. As club members Melanie Ricketts states, "it's a great organization, it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun."

New Head Residents Selected

by WENDY GRIFFITHS

Three rising seniors have been selected as the head residents for Madison, Custis and Mercer halls by the Office of Residence Life. Scott Kaplan, Jeff Elkins and Kris Woodward will fill those positions.

Scott Kaplan, currently an R.A. in Madison, cites his experience with various lifestyles at MWC as his reason to become head resident. Kaplan said, "I've grown in the R.A. position as much as I was able to."

A history major who is certifying to teach at the high school level, Kaplan is currently taking 19 credit hours and plans on summer school to lighten next year's course load. This, he said, will enable him to dedicate more of his efforts to the position of head resident. He is also looking forward to his new relationship with the

are some adjustments to make. Most importantly, however, Kaplan said that a head resident should "be a friend first," and added that because of its size, Madison "is an extended family, you get to know them all."

Jeff Elkins, a biology major and current R.A. in Custis, looks forward to "trying to create a really good position." Elkins stated, "I've seen the job given to different people—resident coordinators and resident directors. I hope to continue the good things of both."

Elkins sees next year's duties as a "counselor, role model and programmer" and hopes to effectively fulfill each of those roles. He cites his holding the office of Madison dorm president his freshman and sophomore years and the position as head desk aide as helpful. "People have always seen me in an ad-

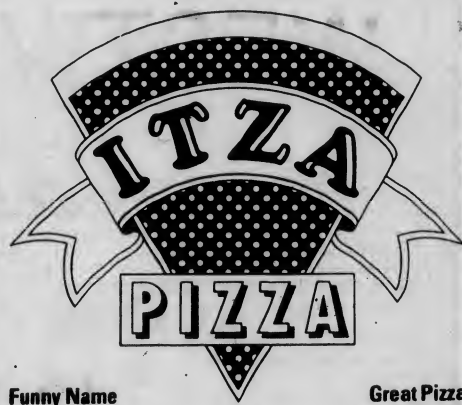
stated, "I don't foresee any problems."

Kris Woodward, an English major certifying to teach elementary school, said she is honored to be chosen Mercer head resident. There were three other applicants for the job.

Woodward is currently a second year R.A. in Randolph Hall. "I am looking forward to being in a smaller residence hall and enjoy the challenge," she said. As head resident, Woodward will view herself as ultimately responsible for everyone in the dorm. In general, she wants to "provide a homey, safe, pleasant-type atmosphere for everyone in the dorm."

Woodward is looking forward to working with the hall council and R.A. staff, but above all, is enthusiastic about living with new people and hopes to get to know them

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Sports

State Frisbee Tourney To Be Held at MWC

The Virginia State Frisbee Tournament will be held at MWC and Pratt Park this weekend, April 6 and 7. This marks the 9th anniversary of the affair, sponsored annually by the Mary Washington Frisbee Club.

According to club President Randy Lahm, "The tournament is as much festive as it is competitive—but the competition will be keen. Several of the best players from the Eastern seaboard, and for that matter the world will be here."

Senior Kent Birkle, another club member, backed up these sentiments; "For the players it's almost like a family reunion. The really nice thing about it [the tournament] is that it offers the local aficionado a chance to meet, compete with, and watch some of the best in the business."

Four events will be contested in three divisions; open, women's and junior's. (Prizes will also be awarded for the top MWC student in each division and event.) The event line-up will include Frisbee golf, distance, freestyle (trick catching and throwing), and MTA (or Maximum Time Aloft—an event in which contestants throw the disc into the wind and catch it with one hand, maximizing flight time).

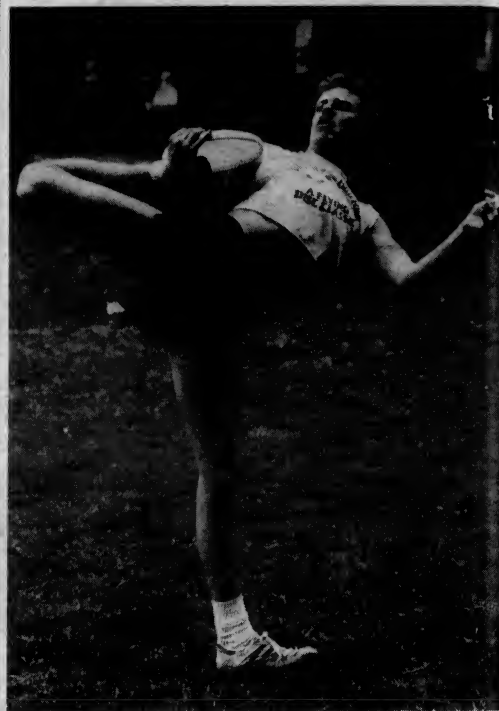
Competition starts early Saturday morning, but from a spectator's standpoint, the highlights will be on Sunday. These include the golf finals; nine holes of head to head competition starting on Ball Circle at 3 p.m., and the finals in freestyle at 6:30 p.m. in Goolrick gym. In several instances, past winners of these events have gone on to win

World Championships in their specialties.

Registrants receive a free (Saturday night) party pass, the opportunity to buy tournament edition golf discs at a discount, and, of course, the opportunity to compete—for several hundred dollars in prize money and awards. Pre-registrants receive a free tournament T-shirt as well.

Pre-registration is ten dollars (by Friday noon), late registration \$13 and juniors \$5. The tournament is also seeking volunteers who are willing to work hard (on the days of the tournament) in exchange for goodies. Mail checks to MWC Frisbee, P.O. Box 562, Fredericksburg, Va. 22402. For more information call 371-3904 or 898-5544.

Freestyle



MWC Frisbee Club member displays his technique.
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April 4

Men's Tennis vs. Virginia Wesleyan at 3 p.m. at home.

Golf vs. Bridgewater, away.
Lacrosse vs. Bridgewater, away.

April 6

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Sports

Malloy and Ruben Shoot for Nationals

by SUSAN LOYD

"If we can play doubles well we'll go to Nationals. We've got a lot of potential," predicts MWC's men's tennis team veteran, junior Dave Ruben. Ruben, along with freshmen Brian Malloy make up the number one doubles team for Mary Washington.

Malloy and Ruben say that they are comfortable with each other and their game. "We have the exact same game, except I'm left-handed and he's right," said Malloy.

Malloy added that he looks to Ruben for help when his strokes are off.

Ruben, who has played first seed for two years, is currently playing third due to a shoulder injury, while Malloy is holding the top seed.

Although Ruben hopes to move back up to the top position, he is mainly concerned about his health. "I would rather get healthy than push an injury," he explained.

Although Malloy is not unhappy with his spot at the top, he does feel the added pressure. "Playing one is alright, but I would be okay playing anywhere else," he said.

Ruben said it is "kind of fun to watch him [Malloy]". He explained that as freshmen, players "get psyched up a little more", and are looking to make a name for themselves.

He said that when he was a freshman he was the same way but now find that people tend to forget

that he plays tennis. "People come up to me now and say 'you still play tennis?'" Ruben said.

Ruben and Malloy are hoping for a record of seven wins and seven losses at seasons end, for the team as a whole.

Ruben described the team as the best he's played with at MWC.

"All the players are pretty consistent, it's just a matter of getting into it mentally."

Although the team is young, Ruben says the over-all depth within the top six spots is an advantage.

"All the players are pretty consistent, it's just a matter of getting into it mentally," Ruben said.

In order to get match tough the team decided to play challenge matches during practice. Through this system individual members will move up or down according to wins and losses. Ruben says that through this procedure by the end of the season, "the best player should be number one."

As the oldest member of the team, Ruben has seen many players come and go but says that this group is the best he has seen. "There's good team spirit. We're closer as a team this year than last," he said.

In addition to more match play, Ruben and Malloy also see a need for more pre-season practice. Due to a lack of facilities the team is at a disadvantage to other schools which are able to practice during the winter.

Other members of the team in-

clude: second seed Kevin Shea, Barry Denicola, Scott Talbott, Jeff Mazzoccoli, David Biggs, and Pete LeBel, Don Apparius, and Steve Brown.

The team will have a home match today against Kings College at 3 p.m. at the Battleground tennis courts.

Quotables

Billy Martin:

When you're a professional, you come back, no matter what happened the day before.

Bobby Bowden, Florida State football coach, on a 5-foot, 8-inch, 135-pound freshman,

When we stick him in the whirlpool, we gotta have a lifeguard on duty.

number one doubles team member Malloy practices serve.

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Club Squabbles Over Elections

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ber of absentee ballots upon which they were considered. Paytes, however, denied having knowledge that absentee votes were legal until the meeting began. Treasurer candidate Linda Redman disagreed that there was no knowledge of absentee ballot voting to the election because "it was the who complained about the [absentee voting] who supported it," she said. Redman said they handed in absentee ballots at election time, therefore she had as much knowledge about this procedure as anyone else did. Redman said that the defeated candidates used this technicality to delay a recall of the election.

anne Comely, candidate for treasurer, protested the election because the use of absentee ballots were not explained prior to election and because she followed constitution and its rules strictly. She said while there was no evidence of wrong-doing, she did not think this conflict to be a personal matter. Comely felt "something had been done against the constitution and needed to be corrected."

Personalities cannot be injected into this controversy," Paytes said, "the only way the club will be hurt." and people need to work together to have a good club and the

decision to hold a re-election was a smart move which will unite the organization and encourage cooperation among members.

Paytes said prior to the election it was understood within the club that only dues-paying members would be eligible voters. However, he said there were still students who voted who were not supposed to. "This cast a cloud of suspicion over the election process," he said. He added that although he doesn't know if there was any malice involved, he believes the situation was premeditated.

Loose, on the other hand, said that she has "remained neutral throughout the elections. I did not cast a vote for any candidate," she added. Loose said she is very frustrated by the entire situation.

McCardell stated that it was in the best interest of those involved that a new election be held and that such an election will help to clear up the controversy, although a re-election is unfortunate. "We are, hoping that through this new election many things will be cleared up and our organization will be able to return to a state of efficiency," he said.

The re-election will probably be held this week, according to Loose. "Because of the sensitivity of the situation absentee ballots will not be cast those members wishing to vote must pay \$2 dues before doing so.



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